

BCCATS Annual Report: 2010-2011

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BCCATS (Cataloguing and Technical Services) has been in existence since 1978. It became a formal Interest Group of BCLA in June 2004. Membership currently stands at 101. Our group is open to anyone with an interest in Technical Services issues. If you are new to TS and are looking for support BCCATS offers a forum for both casual questions and formal learning. It also offers a forum for team solutions to common problems.

BCCATS meets twice per year to discuss issues of mutual interest amongst Technical Services people. Our discussions range from cataloguing standards, to managing MARC records for electronic resources to Technical Services workflows.

Workshops and professional development

Topics of importance this year were: implementing discovery layers; MARC for freely available electronic resources, streaming videos and depository records; RDA hard copy and electronic availability.

This year was also a busy year for workshops and professional development.

In October 2010, Linda Woodcock (Kwantlen) and Susan Andrews (UBC) delivered an encore presentation to 40 participants of their 2010 BCLA Preconference session titled RDA: Game On. In November 2010, Linda Woodcock and Ella-Fay Zalesak (Vancouver Community College) presented the two-day Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program's two-day Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop.

MARC: Legislative Library

In December 2009 the Legislative Library of British Columbia launched a new MARC Records Batch Service. The MARC records available are based on the current issue of the British Columbia Publications Monthly Checklist. The MARC records include only the records for publications that have electronic formats. Since many libraries were not receiving the print equivalent, they wanted to load an electronic resource record for the publication. This required modifying the MARC file, something many of the smaller libraries were not able to do easily. The BCCATS (British Columbia Cataloguing and Technical Services) Interest Group of BCLA initiated a project to create a provider neutral electronic resource record and make it available to all BC libraries.

These records can be downloaded from the ELN website: <http://www.eln.bc.ca/view.php?id=1876>

Persons responsible for the legwork in this project were: Susan Andrews, Paul Bury, Charles Hogg, Heather Morrison, Penny Swanson, Nancy Stuart, and Linda Woodcock. Thanks to all for their hard work.

Appreciation

Thank you to Karen Nelson (Capilano U) for serving as the secretary and to May Chan (Burnaby Public Library) who volunteered as the Continuing Education representative. Both of them have agreed to continue volunteering for another year. Janice Roy (Vancouver Island Regional Library) stepped up to chair the committee for 2011-12.

Janice Roy the Chair of BCCATS.